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SUBJECT: NATO CIVIL BUDGET CY 1979

REF: USNATO 4690

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BF 15.5 MILLION, AS CONTAINED IN  
PARA 3 REF, REPRESENTS THE MAXIMUM NATO CASH CREDIT  
TO BE REQUESTED IN 1979. IF THIS IS CORRECT, YOU MAY  
APPROVE.

2. OUR POSITION REMAINS AS STATED IN STATE 275025, I.E.,  
DOD CURRENT PROGRAM IS BASED ON US SHARE OF A NATO  
CHAPTER IX TOTALLING BF 32 MILLION. THIS IS ALSO IN  
LINE WITH DOCUMENT AC/259-D/608 OF 30 NOVEMBER 1977,  
WHICH ESTIMATES BF 33 MILLION IN CASH CREDITS FOR  
CY 1979. WE REPEAT OUR PREVIOUS CAVEAT -- THAT THE  
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SOONER WE ABANDON THE CONCEPT OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY,  
THE BETTER OFF WE ALL WILL BE. WE KNOW OF NO WAY  
TO COMMIT FUNDS NOW WHICH ONLY COME DUE FOR OBLIGATION  
IN FUTURE YEARS. IT SEEMS TO US THAT A LONG RANGE (FIVE-  
YEAR OR SO) FISCAL PLAN WOULD BETTER ACCOMMODATE  
THESE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS THAN DOES THE NEBULOUS

CONCEPT OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY. WE NOTE THAT THE  
MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE SEVERAL YEARS AGO ABANDONED  
THE CONTRACT AUTHORITY CONCEPT. WE ENCOURAGE THE  
CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. KEEPING IN MIND COMMENTS ABOVE, YOU MAY APPROVE  
THE PRELIMINARY 1979 BUDGET. WE ALSO AGREE WITH  
USNATO 1709.

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